

AMENDMENT

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Please amend the application as follows:

In the specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 21, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C1 -- The problem underlying the present invention is also solved by a pin used for spotting a probe on a plate, wherein a tip of the pin comprises at least a recess. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 6, line 3, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C2 -- In one embodiment of the inventive, pin the recess is of a concave shape. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 9, with the following rewritten paragraph:

C3 -- The features disclosed in the foregoing description, in the claims and/or in the accompanying drawings may, both separately and in any combination thereof, be material for realizing the invention in diverse forms thereof. --

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 1-3 and 16-20.

Please add previously withdrawn claims 4-8.

-- 4. A method for producing a biochip by spotting probes on a plate by using a binding agent for binding the probes to the plate, the method comprising a step of spotting mixtures of respective probes and the binding agent on the plate.